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## Living in a winter wonderland

### *Area photographers capture splendor of season*

By Hugh C. McBride

**S**uddenly, it seems like spring. Or at least it did when this edition of The Citizen went to print. (As the saying goes, if you don't like the weather around here, just wait 15 minutes and it'll change.)

Guests and residents in Southern Germany have had their winter wardrobes put to the test as Mother Nature has unveiled a full spectrum of weather wonders since the autumn leaves changed and fell a few short months ago.

Traditionalists enjoyed a white Christmas – and outdoor adventurers have been treated to significant snow on area slopes and trails – but drivers have been kept on the edges of their seats as roads changed from dry to damp to ice-covered (at times in what seemed like matters of minutes).

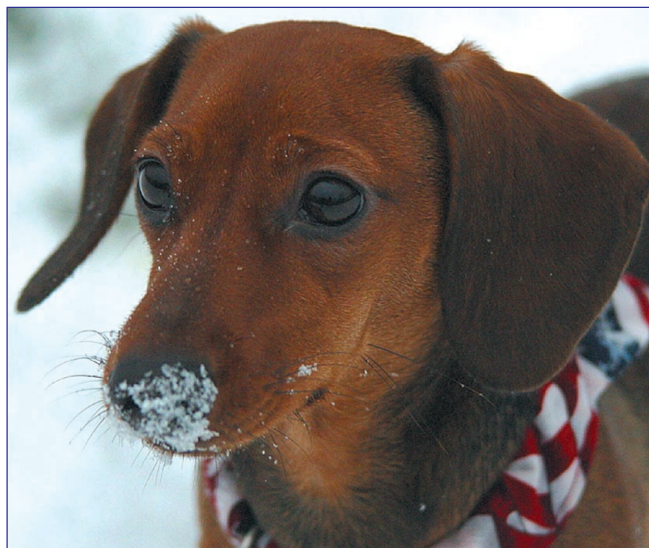
Yet, complaints and consternation aside, as attested to by the contributions of community members that grace this page, one of the true joys of living in Europe is the splendor of the season.

**Short hair aside, even dachshunds seem to enjoy winter in Germany.**



Andrea Winter

**A balloon offers a majestic view of Garmisch-area mountaintops.**



Melanie Casey



Troy Sullivan

**Some workers never get snow days. Here, a Stuttgart-area shepherd tends to his flock.**



Drew Benson

**Garmisch's Lory Papson takes advantage of two of the area's trademark attractions: deep snow and a steep slope.**

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The Stuttgart area's premiere youth swim program concludes another successful season with the "Champs" meet in Munich.

